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10/750,396	12/30/2003	Nikolai G. Nikolov	6570P039	8969

TITLE OF INVENTION: CLASSFILE CONVERSION INTO AN ORGANIZATION OF OBJECTS, AND MODIFICATION THEREOF, TO EFFECT BYTECODE MODIFICATION

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
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The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 554 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 554 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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	10/750,396	NIKOLOV, NIKOLAI G.	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *the amendment filed on 11/6/06*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *1, 5-6, 8-20, 24-25, 27-39, 43-44 and 46-57, renumbered 1-45*.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
   a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
      1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
   (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
   (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

   Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 11/6/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the amendment filed on 11/6/06.

2. The objections to the drawings are withdrawn in view of applicant's submission of replacement sheet and remarks/arguments.

3. The objections to the specification are withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment and/or remarks/arguments and Examiner's Amendment (See below).

4. The objections to claims 2-19, 21-38 and 40-57 are withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment.

5. The rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, to claims 1, 20 and 39 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment.

6. The rejection under 35 USC 101 to claims 1-57 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment and Examiner's Amendment (See below).

7. The rejection under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Cirne (U.S. 6,260,187) to claims 1-7, 20-26 and 39-45 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment and remarks/arguments.

8. The rejection under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cirne (U.S. 6,260,187) in view of Berry (U.S. 6,026,237) to claims 8-19, 27-38 and 46-57 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment and remarks/arguments.

9. Claims 1, 5-6, 8-20, 24-25, 27-39, 43-44, 46-48 and 50-57 have been amended.

10. Claims 2-4, 7, 21-23, 26, 40-42 and 45 have been canceled.

11. Claims 1, 5-6, 8-20, 24-25, 27-39, 43-44 and 46-57 are pending.

12. Claims 1, 5-6, 8-20, 24-25, 27-39, 43-44 and 46-57 are allowed, renumbered 1-45.

Drawings

13. The drawings were received on 11/06/2006. These drawings are acceptable.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

14. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert O'Rourke (Reg. No. 46,972) on 12/20/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

On pg. 50, par. 0127, at line 12, after "e.g.,", delete [http://] and insert the website located at

On pg. 50, par. 0127, at line 12, after "com" delete [/]

On pg. 66, par. 0160, at line 4, after "e.g.,", delete [http://] and insert the website located at

In the Claims:

Claim 5 (Currently Amended),

At line 1, after "claim" delete [4]

Claim 20 (Currently Amended),

At line 1, before "medium" insert storage

Claim 24 (Currently Amended),

At line 1, before "medium" insert storage

Claim 25 (Currently Amended),

At line 1, before "medium" insert storage

Claim 27 (Currently Amended),

At line 1, before "medium" insert storage

Claim 28 (Currently Amended),

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Claim 35 (Currently Amended),

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Claim 36 (Currently Amended),

At line 1, before "medium" insert storage

Claim 37 (Currently Amended),

At line 1, before "medium" insert storage

Claim 38 (Currently Amended),

At line 1, before "medium" insert storage

Claim 39 (Currently Amended),

At line 2, before "medium" insert storage

At line 2, after "medium" insert and/or memory

Claim 43 (Currently Amended),

At line 1, before "of", delete [machine readable medium] and insert computing system

At line 1, after "claim", delete [42] and insert 39

Claim 44 (Currently Amended),

At line 1, before "of", delete [machine readable medium] and insert computing system

Claim 46 (Currently Amended),

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Claim 47 (Currently Amended),

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Claim 57 (Currently Amended),

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

15. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The cited prior art taken alone or in combination fail to teach, in combination with the other claimed limitations, when executed by said method, invokes a pre-existing dispatcher to identify a plug-in module for said method that said method invokes to report and/or record information about said method ... for a second method that registers, with said dispatcher upon loading of said classfile, an identity of said classfile's class and respective identities of methods of said classfile, said dispatcher and plug-in module being in existence prior to said loading of said classfile as recited in independent claims 1, 20 and 39.

The closest cited prior art, Avakian et al (US 2005/0039171) teaches a method of bytecode modification. However, Avakian et al (US 2005/0039171) fail to teach when executed by said method, invokes a pre-existing dispatcher to identify a plug-in module for said method

that said method invokes to report and/or record information about said method ... for a second method that registers, with said dispatcher upon loading of said classfile, an identity of said classfile's class and respective identities of methods of said classfile, said dispatcher and plug-in module being in existence prior to said loading of said classfile as recited in independent claims 1, 20 and 39; and as pointed out by the applicant's arguments on pg. 26, par. 3 to pg. 28, par. 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

16. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Qamrun Nahar whose telephone number is (571) 272-3730. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wei Y Zhen, can be reached on (571) 272-3708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or processing is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the TC 2100 Group receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2100.

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Examiner Signature		Date Considered	12/22/06

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For: CLASSFILE CONVERSION INTO AN ORGANIZATION OF OBJECTS, AND MODIFICATION THEREOF, TO EFFECT BYTECODE MODIFICATION

CLAIMS AS ALLOWED- NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

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1. (Previously presented) A classfile modification method, comprising:

converting a classfile into a collection of objects, said collection of objects including a first object that represents a method information structure found in said classfile, said collection of objections including a second object that inherits a property that said first object has, said second object representing a bytecode instruction of a method;

adding a third object to said collection of objects, said third object inheriting the properties of said first object, said third object representing a bytecode instruction to be executed by said method that, when executed by said method, invokes a pre-existing dispatcher to identify a plug-in module for said method that said method invokes to report and/or record information about said method;

adding a fourth object to said collection of objects that represents a new method information structure for said classfile, said new method information structure containing byte code instructions for a second method that registers, with said dispatcher upon loading of said classfile, an identity of said classfile's class and

respective identities of methods of said classfile, said dispatcher and plug-in module being in existence prior to said loading of said classfile; and,

converting said collection of objects including said third object into a modified version of said classfile.

2-4. (Canceled).

5. (Previously presented) The classfile modification method of claim 1, further comprising adding a fifth object to said collection of objects that represents a new field information structure for said classfile.

6. (Previously presented) The classfile modification method of claim 5, wherein said field information structure is to store a numeric identification assigned to said class by said dispatcher.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously presented) The classfile modification method of claim 1, wherein said third object is added to said collection of objects in a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that is executed just after said method's entry point is reached.

9. (Previously presented) The classfile modification method of claim 8, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said adding of said third object corresponds to the addition of an invokestatic instruction.

10. (Previously presented) The classfile modification method of claim 8, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said adding of said third object corresponds to the addition of an invokevirtual instruction.

11. (Previously presented) The classfile modification method of claim 1, wherein said third object is added to said collection of objects at a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that is executed if an exit point of said method will inevitably be reached.

12. (Previously presented) The classfile modification method of claim 11, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said adding of said third object corresponds to the addition of an invokestatic instruction.

13. (Previously presented) The classfile modification method of claim 11, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said adding of said third object corresponds to the addition of an invokevirtual instruction.

14. (Previously presented) The classfile modification method of claim 1, wherein said third object is added to said collection of objects in a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that will be executed if an error arises during execution of said method.

15. (Previously presented) The classfile modification method of claim 14, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said adding of said third object corresponds to the addition of an invokestatic instruction.

16. (Previously presented) The classfile modification method of claim 14, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said adding of said third object corresponds to the addition of an invokevirtual instruction.

17. (Previously presented) The classfile modification method of claim 1, further comprising:

adding said third object to said collection of objects at a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that is executed just after said method's entry point is reached;

adding a fifth object to said collection of objects at a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that is executed if an exit point of said method will inevitably be reached; and,

adding a sixth object to said collection of objects at a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that will be executed if an error arises during execution of said method.

18. (Previously presented) The classfile modification method of claim 17, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said third, fifth and sixth objects correspond to the addition of invokestatic instructions.

19. (Previously presented) The classfile modification method of claim 17, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said third, fifth and sixth objects correspond to the addition of invokevirtual instructions.

20. (Previously presented) A machine readable medium containing instructions which when executed cause a classfile modification method to be performed, said classfile modification method comprising:

converting a classfile into a collection of objects, said collection of objects including a first object that represents a method information structure found in said classfile, said collection of objections including a second object that inherits a property that said first object has, said second object representing a bytecode instruction of a method;

adding a third object to said collection of objects, said third object inheriting the properties of said first object, said third object representing a bytecode instruction to be executed by said method that, when executed by said method, invokes a pre-existing dispatcher to identify a plug-in module for said method that said method invokes to report and/or record information about said method;

adding a fourth object to said collection of objects that represents a new method information structure for said classfile, said new method information structure containing byte code instructions for a second method that registers, with said dispatcher upon loading of said classfile, an identity of said classfile's class and respective identities of methods of said classfile, said dispatcher and plug-in module being in existence prior to said loading of said classfile; and,

converting said collection of objects including said third object into a modified version of said classfile.

21-23. (Canceled).

24. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 20, wherein said classfile modification method further comprises adding a fifth object to said

collection of objects that represents a new field information structure for said classfile.

25. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 24, wherein said field information structure is to store a numeric identification assigned to said class by said dispatcher.

26. (Canceled).

27. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 20, wherein said third object is added to said collection of objects in a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that is executed just after said method's entry point is reached.

28. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 27, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said adding of said third object corresponds to the addition of an invokestatic instruction.

29. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 27, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said adding of said third object corresponds to the addition of an invokevirtual instruction.

30. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 20, wherein said third object is added to said collection of objects at a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that is executed if an exit point of said method will inevitably be reached.

31. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 30, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said adding of said third object corresponds to the addition of an invokestatic instruction.

32. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 30, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said adding of said third object corresponds to the addition of an invokevirtual instruction.

33. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 20, wherein said third object is added to said collection of objects in a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that will be executed if an error arises during execution of said method.

34. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 33, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said adding of said third object corresponds to the addition of an invokestatic instruction.

35. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 33, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said adding of said third object corresponds to the addition of an invokevirtual instruction.

36. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 20, wherein said classfile modification method further comprises:

adding said third object to said collection of objects at a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that is executed just after said method's entry point is reached;

adding a fifth object to said collection of objects at a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that is executed if an exit point of said method will inevitably be reached; and,

adding a sixth object to said collection of objects at a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that will be executed if an error arises during execution of said method.

37. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 36, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said third, fifth and sixth objects correspond to the addition of invokestatic instructions.

38. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 36, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said third, fifth and sixth objects correspond to the addition of invokevirtual instructions.

39. (Previously presented) A computing system implemented with a machine readable medium containing instructions which when executed cause a classfile modification method to be performed, said classfile modification method comprising:

converting a classfile into a collection of objects, said collection of objects including a first object that represents a method information structure found in said classfile, said collection of objections including a second object that inherits a property that said first object has, said second object representing a bytecode instruction of a method;

adding a third object to said collection of objects, said third object inheriting the properties of said first object, said third object representing a bytecode instruction to be executed by said method that, when executed by said method, invokes a pre-existing dispatcher to identify a plug-in module for said method that said method invokes to report and/or record information about said method;

adding a fourth object to said collection of objects that represents a new method information structure for said classfile, said new method information structure containing byte code instructions for a second method that registers, with said dispatcher upon loading of said classfile, an identity of said classfile's class and respective identities of methods of said classfile, said dispatcher and plug-in module being in existence prior to said loading of said classfile; and,

converting said collection of objects including said third object into a modified version of said classfile.

40-42. (Canceled).

43. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 42, wherein said classfile modification method further comprises adding a fifth object to said collection of objects that represents a new field information structure for said classfile.

44. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 43, wherein said field information structure is to store a numeric identification assigned to said class by said dispatcher.

45. (Canceled).

46. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 39, wherein said third object is added to said collection of objects in a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that is executed just after said method's entry point is reached.

47. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 46, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said adding of said third object corresponds to the addition of an invokestatic instruction.

48. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 46, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said adding of said third object corresponds to the addition of an invokevirtual instruction.

49. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 39 wherein said adding at least one additional other object further comprises adding an additional other object at a position that corresponds to a region of said unique method's instructions that is executed if an exit point of said unique method will inevitably be reached.

50. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 49, wherein said third object is added to said collection of objects at a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that is executed if an exit point of said method will inevitably be reached.

51. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 49, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said adding of said third object corresponds to the addition of an invokestatic instruction.

52. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 39, wherein said third object is added to said collection of objects in a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that will be executed if an error arises during execution of said method.

53. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 52, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said adding of said third object corresponds to the addition of an invokestatic instruction.

54. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 52, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said adding of said third object corresponds to the addition of an invokevirtual instruction.

55. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 39, wherein said classfile modification method further comprises:

adding said third object to said collection of objects at a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that is executed just after said method's entry point is reached;

adding a fifth object to said collection of objects at a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that is executed if an exit point of said method will inevitably be reached; and,

adding a sixth object to said collection of objects at a position that corresponds to a region of said method's instructions that will be executed if an error arises during execution of said method.

56. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 55, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said third, fifth and sixth objects correspond to the addition of invokestatic instructions.

57. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 55, wherein said classfile is a Java compatible classfile and said third, fifth and sixth objects correspond to the addition of invokevirtual instructions.